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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 90

December 22, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives ZAMARRIPA, BARNES, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, GOYKE, JOHNSON, KESSLER, RIEMER, SINICKI, YOUNG, ZEPNICK, BERCEAU, JORGENSEN, MASON, OHNSTAD, SPREITZER, SARGENT and C. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, L. TAYLOR, HARRIS DODD, C. LARSON and SHILLING. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending the Milwaukee Area Technical College for their dedicated
2 commitment to students, their families, and the Milwaukee area community
3 through their outstanding work in creating the MATC Promise program.

4 Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College has been providing degrees,
5 diplomas, and life-long learning opportunities for Milwaukee area residents for over
6 100 years; and

7 Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, since its founding, has
8 represented the best of what the Milwaukee community has aspired its educational
9 institutions to strive for and achieve; and

10 Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College has successfully accepted the
11 challenges presented to it by the community, from ending child labor in favor of
12 continuing education, to adapting the curriculum to rapid advances in technology by
13 using industry professionals to teach classes, to establishing offices and programs to
14 provide courses for the rapidly growing community, and to serving as a hub for

1 rapidly growing industry sectors that will define Milwaukee commerce for the next
2 generation; and

3 Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College has fully embraced the idea
4 that a quality, affordable, and accessible education is key to upward social mobility
5 in our community; and

6 Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College estimates that 83 percent of
7 Milwaukee Public Schools students identify as low-income and face significant
8 challenges meeting the expenses that students incur when studying at
9 postsecondary educational institutions; and

10 Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, through the MATC
11 Foundation, has established the MATC Promise program, a privately funded
12 program that will allow low-income students who meet certain academic standards
13 to attend the Milwaukee Area Technical College tuition-free next fall; and

14 Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College understands the unique
15 challenges that many first-generation college students face upon beginning their
16 studies, and will implement programs to help them take advantage of the many
17 opportunities and options they will be presented with; and

18 Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, through the MATC Promise
19 program, expects to enroll approximately 1,000 members in the initial class of
20 Promise scholars and will provide the opportunity to gain an education and to
21 undoubtedly realize their own version of the American dream along with countless
22 scholars in the future; now, therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** Representative
24 Jocasta Zamarripa, on behalf of the Wisconsin Assembly, under Assembly Rule 97,
25 hereby commends the Milwaukee Area Technical College for their dedicated

1 commitment to students, their families, and the Milwaukee area community
2 through their outstanding work in creating the MATC Promise program.

3 (END)